

George Rotan, Only American to Reach Semi-Final Round in Southampton Golf Tournament

Hooman, Tolley and Torrance, Not British Links Team, Survive

English Players Make Determined Come-Backs to Win Matches; Tolley Defeats Brown on 20th Green in Morning, Then Triumphs Over Marston

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SOUTHAMPTON, N. Y., Aug. 25.—This British golf team knows how to handle an uphill fight. Four of them made the first flight over the National Links on Thursday and on Friday night three of these four survived to look after the semi-final round. In fact they have almost completely surrounded George V. Rotan, of Texas, the sole American left from a small army of 132 who came to the post on Thursday. The tall and rangy Texan finds himself alone with Hooman, Tolley and Torrance on Saturday and even he had to get a big jump on John Caven, the steady, hard fighting Scot to win.

At one time or another the entire British four came within a half breath of total annihilation. In each case, morning or afternoon, they were forced to come from behind and win back the lead by brilliant finishes that called for combination of courage and skill. They needed cool heads, stout hearts and a lot of stuff on the ball to take three-quarters possession of Saturday's program, but after all they made the grade, which is further proof that the American team has no easy romp next week.

On their way to the front they stopped two members of the international team in Fownes and Marston, slashing their long tee shots into the teeth of a young pair with fine effect. They can hit the ball, make no mistake about that. They may not be the finest putters in the world, but they can lay against a tee shot with the punch of a Ruth, and a fine shot is a mighty aid over the National links.

The first big thrill of the day came in the forenoon when it looked for a moment as if Archie Brown and Charles Brown had upset the schedule by eliminating Caven and Tolley. Archie Brown had John Caven 1 down when they came to the final hole, the hardest on the links.

Caven squares match on 18th. Any golfer in the field is satisfied with a 5 on the long, uphill hole against the wind. But when in the forenoon match needed a 4 to stay in the hunt. He was well short of the green on his second, but just as he was about to fade out in green for a 5 he clipped up stone dead for a 4 by one of the finest shots of the day, carrying the ball to extra hole.

Both had birdie 3s on the baffling first hole and from that point on the battle swung along to the twenty-second where both floundered, with Caven finally pulling through. In the meanwhile Charlie Brown, of Hudson River, was taking Cyril Tolley along the extra hole route. On the first extra hole Tolley drove close upon 300 yards, and Charlie Brown, but his chip shot was weak and he needed a 4. The finish was a bit more dramatic. Another resounding wallop placed the British contender on the edge of the green on the 261 second hole. Into the wind and a twelve-foot putt brought him a very fine 3. So there were two British players who came extremely close to being eliminated.

After all this flurry and worry it was taken for granted that Fownes, Marston, Carter and Rotan would take good care of the afternoon tests, but golf is no game to take for granted at any moment. Take the case of Tolley. He was normal and entirely human against Charlie Brown, who had played extremely well. But against Max Marston, one of the American team, Tolley rose to dizzy heights. He had one of those rounds where he strikes smother all opposition, crushing his opponent beneath the weight of the golf that few can stand.

On hole after hole the big British champion rammed magnificent tee shots into the teeth of the young gale, hitting at times an almost unbelievable range. Max Marston had beaten the faithful, long hitting Harrison Johnston in the forenoon by exceptionally good golf, but he was not able to cope with Tolley's pace in the afternoon. Tolley played the first four holes in two under 4s and he was then up. With the wind whirling across the landscape he continued to play triumphant march until Marston at last succumbed on the fourteenth green, where he was above 4, with Tolley then only one above 4, easily the finest golf of the day.

Hooman Also Makes Great Finish. C. V. L. Hooman turned out an even greater finish, from the viewpoint of the dramatist, than Tolley's. He was down two to play against Fownes, who is always a golfer to be feared. Hooman's case looked hopeless when he was two long tee shots to the seventeenth green, but he placed to protect the sanctity of the game.

Fownes was dead for his par 4 and with the match almost lost by a margin of one hole. Hooman stepped into the cup from the edge of the green and he then with his left hand and one and he then won the match. It was the first extra hole in the match, and the first extra hole in the match, and the first extra hole in the match.

Phil Carter and W. B. Torrance had a long time of it all the way. They were never far apart, with Torrance leading from the tee as Carter held him in check by fine iron play and some really great putting. "He always broke my heart with his dozen times going out," remarked Torrance, "but the putting he did. I hope I never go against any better use of this club. It is no light shot to think you have a hole won and then find the green is a yard off." As it was, they came to the final hole all square.

Here Torrance, who has the knack of bracing his weight on his right leg and lifting his left leg slightly before he starts his swing, got away woe. He hit the ball with a drive that left him with a race of the green—an uphill green 486 yards away—against a heavy wind. Torrance got almost home on his second, chipped to the foot of the green, and then he putted for a winning 4, and he then finished for a British player, Carter had fought out a hard battle all the way, but he had nothing to match this par-busting 4 and the wind-up.

In the meanwhile George Rotan, the lone American left from Texas, took no such chances against John Caven. Rotan won a lead of four holes early in the match, and he then a fine golf to hold the lead against the hard-playing Scotman, who refused to be discouraged. Caven, starting with a 3 at the 412-yard tenth, had putts for 3s at the tenth, 4th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 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